



Quarterly Report

SECOND QUARTER FY 2010

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The second quarter of FY2010 marks the third reporting period for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), a federal economic stimulus program, was passed by Congress in February 2009 to stimulate the economy and lessen the impact of the recession on the American people. Approximately \$20 million came to the Arlington community from ARRA, \$18,587,313 of which was awarded to the City of Arlington for implementation in nine separate areas from hiring police officers to preventing homelessness.

The City continues to track and report spending and job creation resulting from these grants and is working to maximize transparency to allow citizens to clearly see where and how these tax payer dollars are being spent.

Quarterly spending reports are posted at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html along with stories of recent milestones and achievements. The City of Arlington continues to work to maximize the impact and benefit that these funds will generate.

Arlington Police Class #40 Graduation

On April 22, 2010, the 40th Arlington Police Academy class held its graduation ceremony. This graduation was different from the 39 that came before in a single but important way. The positions represented by the academy will be funded for two years by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the Community Oriented Policing Strategy (COPS) grant. Seven additional COPS funded positions will begin in Arlington Police Academy class #41, which is already under way. The recruits from Class #40 began 14 weeks of working with field training officers after their graduation and are expected to begin patrolling the streets on their own in August.

As a result of the COPS funding, a total of 31 Arlington Police Department sworn positions will be supported over the next two years. Twenty of these positions will be patrol officers, six will be Special Operations Unit positions, four are Gang Unit positions and one position is in the Homeland Security/Special Events Planning Unit. The majority of the positions funded had been affected by a hiring freeze and eleven of them are new positions.

Arlington's COPS award totals \$6.1 million and

it is being targeted to strengthen community-oriented policing programs. The award was the third highest amount awarded to a police agency in the state of Texas. The purpose of the COPS program is to "address the fulltime sworn officer needs of state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide and to increase their capacity to participate in community policing."

Arlington's success in receiving funding of this magnitude is largely linked to the community-policing strategies, which are in place in the Arlington Police Department. In particular, the 20 patrol positions funded under the COPS grant will have the primary goal of increasing citizen-centered, results-oriented community policing and problem-solving partnerships. These goals will be accomplished through increased communication with citizens encouraging them to become more involved and invested in their communities and through educational programs and volunteer opportunities.



Other milestones achieved in this quarter include:

- Energy saving mechanical and electrical upgrades over 75% completed on Facilities Services Building.
- Thirty-five homes weatherized to increase energy efficiency and decrease heating and cooling bills.
- On February 22nd, four positions began work in a Domestic Highway Enforcement Unit concentrating on the interception of contraband and drug trafficking operations.
- Case management, housing assistance, and referrals to community resources have been provided to 70 low-income households in Arlington resulting in stable housing.
- Replaced two Handitran buses and added an additional contracted taxi to provide additional transportation services.

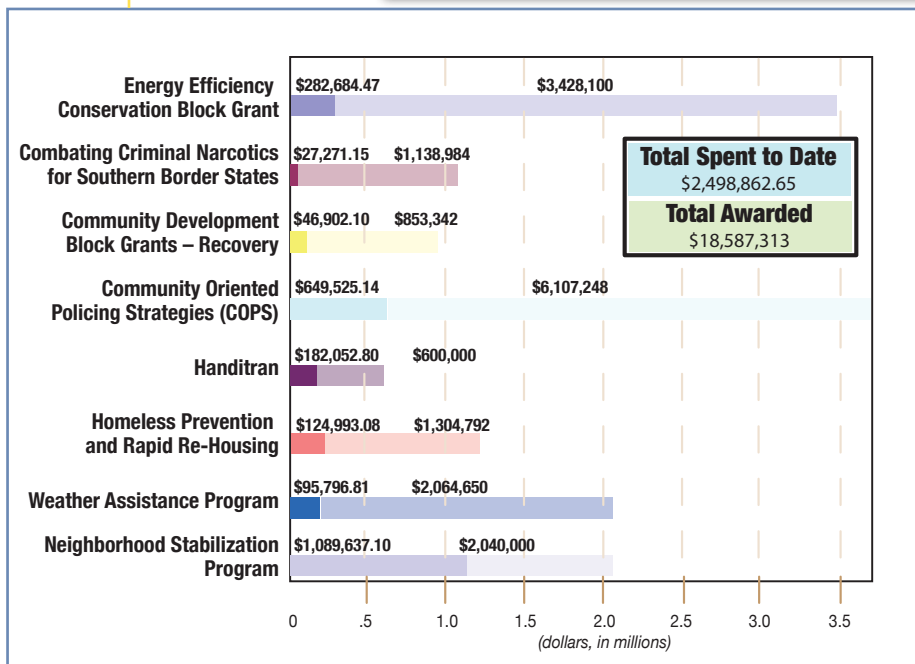
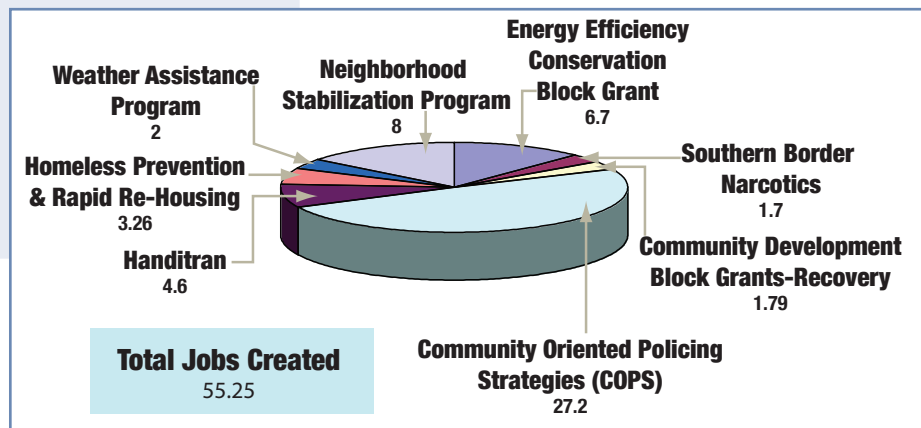
FY2010 Third Quarter Plans

In the third quarter of FY2010, many of the programs already under way will begin to have an impact in the Arlington community. Police recruits who graduated on April 22nd will go through 14 weeks of on the job training and will begin regular patrols in August. An expansion of the existing Green Team, commercial recycling program, to include energy efficiency, water conservation and air quality transportation alternatives will be unveiled in June of 2010, helping Arlington businesses save money while reducing their impact on the environment. Additional work will be completed to weatherize homes, working towards what is anticipated to be a total of 523 homes weatherized under this Recovery Act funding over the next two years. Efforts will also continue to make public facilities more energy efficient, reducing the electricity costs currently burdening the City's budget.

More information on the Arlington ARRA funding can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html.

Jobs & Spending

At the end of the second quarter of FY2010, Just over 13%, or \$2,498,862.65, of the total Recovery Act awards had been spent by the City of Arlington from its ARRA grants. This generated the equivalent of 55.25 full time positions, the majority of which are police officers.



- ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- EECBG – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants
- CDBG-R – Community Development Block Grants-Recovery
- Byrne JAG – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS – Community Oriented Policing Strategies
- DOJ Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States – Department of Justice Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States